

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants greatly appreciate the reconsideration of this application and the allowance of Claims 9, 10, 13 and 14. Also appreciated is the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 1-6 and 15-20. As the Examiner will note, Claim 1 has been rewritten in independent allowable format by incorporating all of the limitations of the base claim. Rejected Claims 7 and 11 have been cancelled, and Claims 8 and 12 have been amended to depend, directly or ultimately, from allowed Claim 9. New Claim 21 finds support in Claim 9. No new matter has been entered.

Accordingly, and in view of the indication of allowed and allowable subject matter, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and the passage of this case to Issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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